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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO KING JUAN CARLOS

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO THE KING
FROM THE SECRETARY:

-- I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH ATTENTION AND SATISFACTION THE
RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM, AND I WANT THE KING TO KNOW HOW
PLEASED WE ARE BY THE STRONG POPULAR ACCEPTANCE OF THE
KING'S EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE THE POLITICAL SYSTEM.

-- WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE
THROUGH THE STEPS AHEAD DESPITE THE ATTEMPTS OF SMALL NUM-
BERS OF EXTREMISTS TO UPSET IT.

-- ARTHUR HARTMAN HAS REPORTED THE KING'S KIND WORDS AND
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GOOD WISHES, FOR WHICH I AM VERY GRATEFUL. THE KING MAY
BE ASSURED OF MY HIGHEST RESPECT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN A
CRUCIAL HISTORICAL ROLE AND MY CONVICTION THAT HIS FUTURE
SUCCESSIONS WILL BRING GREAT BENEFIT TO SPAIN AND TO SPAIN'S
FRIENDS.

2. PLEASE ALSO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME
MINISTER SUAREZ:

-- WE ARE VERY GRATIFIED BY THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM
WHICH YOU SO ABLY DIRECTED.

-- IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE TRANSITION IN
SPAIN OWES MUCH TO YOUR DETERMINED AND IMAGINATIVE LEADER-
SHIP, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET
THE NEW CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD.

-- YOU HAVE OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.
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